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SUBJECT: COLONEL GARBA'S VISIT TO US

REF: LAGOS 9040

SECVISIT 30TH UNGA

1. MEA AMERICAS DIRECTOR UCHUNO INFORMED US THIS MORNING THAT COMMISSIONER GARBA CURRENTLY EXPECTS BE IN US APPROXIMATELY SEPTEMBER 30 THROUGH OCTOBER 11. MOST OF THIS PERIOD WOULD BE SPENT IN NEW YORK AT THE UNGA SESSION, WITH A VISIT TO SAN FRANCISCO (PURPOSE UNSPECIFIED) PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FROM US.

2. GARBA, WHO IS NOW IN EUROPS, IS NOT EXPECTED TO RETURN TO LAGOS UNTIL EARLY NEXT WEEK. I HAVE REQUESTED AN APPOINTMENT WITH HIM PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR NEW YORK. MEA HAS TOLD US, HOWEVER, THAT EMBASSIES MUST NORMALLY OBSERVE THE FORMAL PECKING ORDER BY GOING THROUGH PERMSEC SANUSI, WHO IS NOW IN EUROPE WITH GARBA AND THEN PROCEEDS TO PEKING TO PAY HIS FAREWELL CALLS. SANUSI NOT EXPECTED BACK IN LAGOS UNTIL EARLY OCTOBER. OTHER AMBASSADORS HERE CONFIRM OUR IMPRESSION THAT MEA IS PROTECTING GARBA VERY CLOSELY. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE NO AMBASSADOR, UK HIGH COMMISSIONER INCLUDED, HAS YET SEEN HIM ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS.

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3. UCHUNO SAYS THAT A VISIT TO LAGOS BY UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON IS

QTE VERY WELCOME IN PRINCIPLE UNQTE BUT COULD NOT BE APPROPRIATELY
ARRANGED UNTIL LATE OCTOBER OR EARLY NOVEMBER AT THE EARLIEST.
(SEE EMBTELS 8640 AND 8559) HE ALLUDED TO POSSIBLE OCTOBER
TRAVELS BY GARBA ADDITIONAL TO HIS TRIP TO THE U.S.

4. AS FOR REFTTEL'S RECOMMENDATION THAT WE BE AUTHORIZED INFORM
MEA THAT SECRETARY WOULD APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY MEET WITH GARBA,
WE ASSUME ANY SUCH MEETING COULD TAKE PLACE IN EITHER WASHINGTON
OR NEW YORK.
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